

11 “Magical” Optional Meals and Events

2015 VSRA Conference

Date	Start Time	End Time	Function Name and Description	Cost	MAX # of Participants
Thursday, March 12	11:45 AM	1:20 PM	VSRA Rally and Awards Buffet Lunch <i>A perfect start to an awesome conference! Come join us and share your own reading passions with others, learn about VSRA, hear about cool things happening at the conference, and see all of our VSRA Grant and Scholarship Winners in just one stop! You don't want to miss this fantastic kick-off to the Conference! Come represent your council! Hosted by Apple Valley Reading Council</i>	\$10 (50% off cost/ticket)	300
Thursday, March 12	5:15 PM	6:30 PM	Exhibitors' Reception <i>A wonderful time to learn about all the neat resources for literacy instruction in the classrooms. Delicious hors d'oeuvres and many chances to win freebies. It's free and why spend money on the appetizers at the restaurant?</i>	FREE (value \$30/ticket)	350
Thursday, March 12	7:30 PM	9:30 PM	Pajama PD Plus Desserts and Gift Basket Auction <i>Something new this year! What a great way to welcome in guests arriving Thursday evening! Come join Kathy Baumgardner for a later professional development activity filled with sweets and fun. If you go out to dinner Thursday evening, don't get dessert. Come on down and have free deserts with us! Spectacular gift baskets donated by all of our local councils will be on display for a Silent Auction ending at 9:00 PM Hosted by Richmond Area Reading Council</i>	FREE (value \$20/ticket)	300
Friday, March 13	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	Early Literacy Breakfast with Dr. Jean Feldman <i>Here she is! A well-known author of numerous songs superb for early childhood instruction. Not only will you have an amazing breakfast, you'll be able to begin the conference energized and ready to go for the day! You won't want to sleep in and miss this sensational breakfast!</i>	\$45	200
Friday, March 13	11:30 AM	12:45 PM	Boxed Lunches <i>Everyone at the conference will enjoy a boxed lunch without leaving the premises. Feel free to get your council together and share great ideas you've learned at the conference so far! We are</i>	FREE (value \$20/ticket)	900

			<i>also going to do a special author raffle for a chance to win lunch with some of our featured authors.</i>		
Friday, March 13	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Secondary Sweets with Jaclyn Roller Ryan, 2015 Virginia Teacher of the Year <i>We are excited to have the 2015 Virginia Teacher of the Year as our featured speaker for the annual Secondary Sweets session. Anyone interested in middle and high school education is invited to attend this presentation by Jaclyn Roller Ryan, 8th grade Agriscience Teacher at Signal Knob Middle School in Shenandoah.</i>	FREE	150
Friday, March 13	2:15 PM	3:15 PM	Administrators' Tea <i>This session is especially for administrators, but others may attend. Join Otilie Austin and Susan Thacker-Gwaltney as they share their successful implementation of literacy activities in local school systems.</i>	FREE (value \$28/ticket)	100
Friday, March 13	5:30 PM	6:45 PM	Presidents' Reception <i>Come join us in honoring our past VSRA Presidents and celebrate all of our reading councils. Another place for scrumptious hors d'oeuvres before dinner! Great music and an excellent place for councils to meet up and to share their learning experiences for the day!</i>	FREE (value \$23/ticket)	300
Friday, March 13	6:45 PM	9:30 PM	Annual Banquet with Donalyn Miller Choice of Grilled Chicken Breast or Vegetable Lasagna <i>Are you ready for Donalyn Miller (author of Book Whisperer)? She is going to blast us way into the 21st century by showing us how to use our own personal devices for professional development. You will be "in the know" with what's out there in the cyberworld and gain confidence in attending online chats focused on literacy. This dinner is BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)! Hosted by Greater Washington Reading Council</i>	\$55	250
Saturday, March 14	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	Author Breakfast with Jarrett Krosoczka <i>This is so worth getting up early on a Saturday! His Lunch Lady series has twice won a Children's Choice Book Award, in the Third to Fourth Grade Book of the Year category, and was nominated for a Will Eisner Comic Industry Award. Author Jarrett Krosoczka will discuss his own journey as a reader and offer tips on how educators can reach their most reluctant of readers.</i>	\$40	200
Saturday, March 14	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Literacy Brunch with Jeff Kinney <i>We are ending our conference with a #1 New</i>	\$45	250

		<p><i>York Times Best Selling Author. Seats are limited and Jeff is very tough to book. Jeff Kinney's work has been widely credited for its ability to turn reluctant readers on to books. He will share the incredible trajectory of his bestselling series, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and talk about its impact on readers. You will be so glad you signed up for this event!</i></p>	
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